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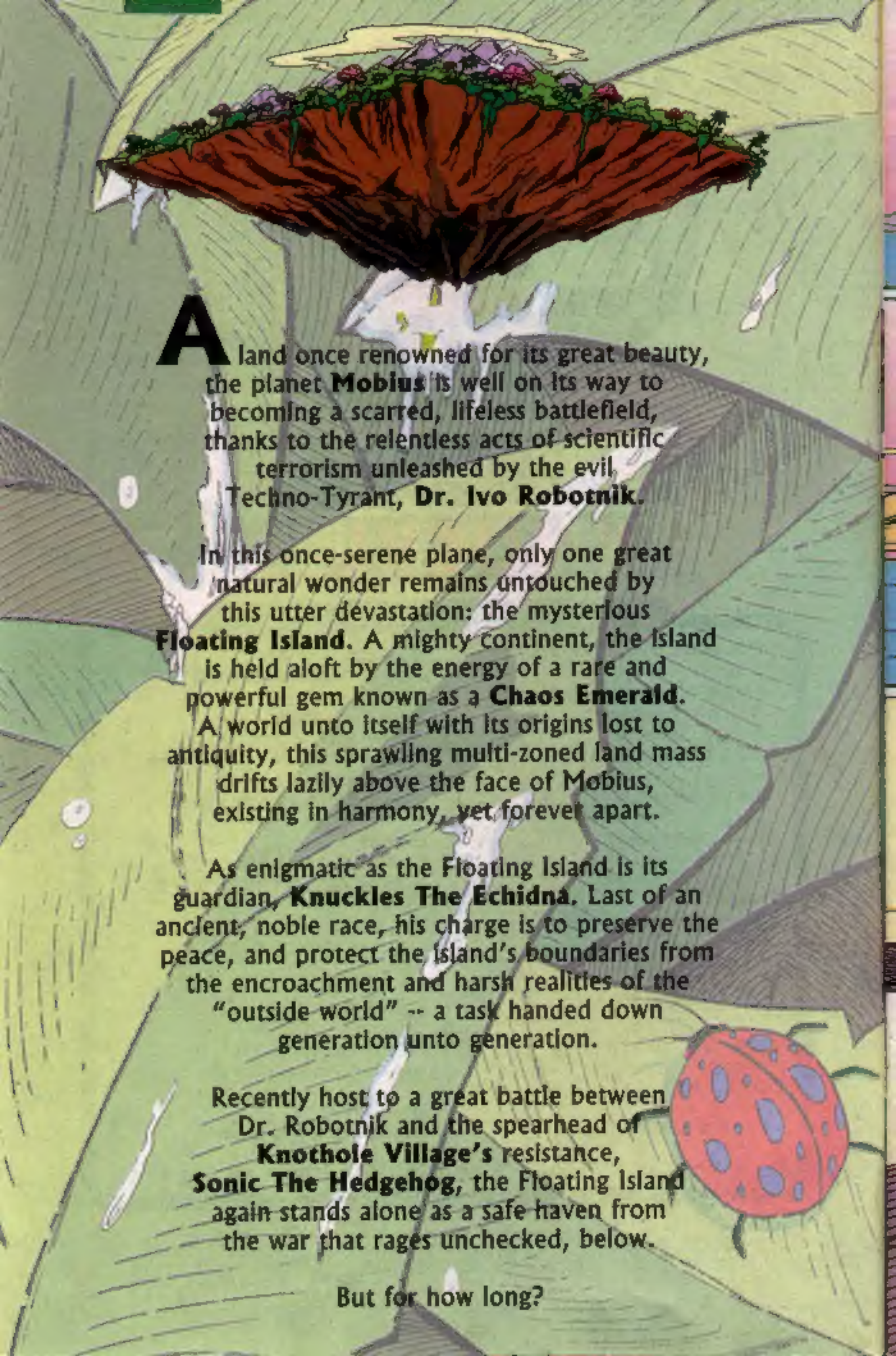


A land once renowned for its great beauty, the planet **Mobius** is well on its way to becoming a scarred, lifeless battlefield, thanks to the relentless acts of scientific terrorism unleashed by the evil Techno-Tyrant, **Dr. Ivo Robotnik.**

In this once-serene plane, only one great natural wonder remains untouched by this utter devastation: the mysterious **Floating Island.** A mighty continent, the Island is held aloft by the energy of a rare and powerful gem known as a **Chaos Emerald.** A world unto itself with its origins lost to antiquity, this sprawling multi-zoned land mass drifts lazily above the face of Mobius, existing in harmony, yet forever apart.

As enigmatic as the Floating Island is its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna.** Last of an ancient, noble race, his charge is to preserve the peace, and protect the Island's boundaries from the encroachment and harsh realities of the "outside world" -- a task handed down generation unto generation.

Recently host to a great battle between Dr. Robotnik and the spearhead of **Knothole Village's** resistance, **Sonic The Hedgehog**, the Floating Island again stands alone as a safe haven from the war that rages unchecked, below.

But for how long?

PROLOGUE:

THE WESTERN COAST OF THE GREAT CONTINENT.

12:17 PM

THOUGH PRONE TO EARTHQUAKES, MUDSLIDES, FIRES AND FLOODS...

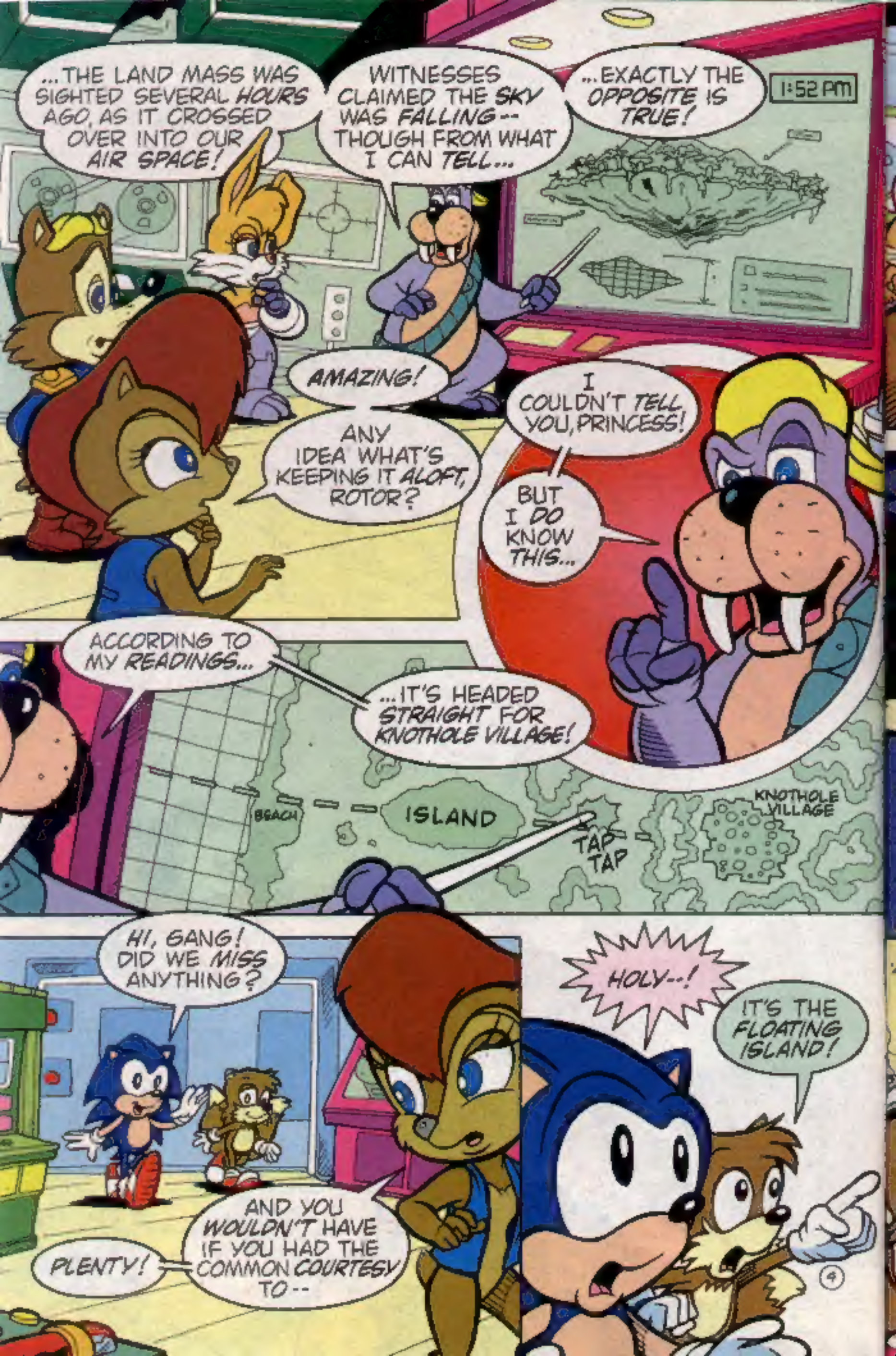
...IT REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW REGIONS ON MOBIUS TO REMAIN UNSCARRED BY CONFLICT!

HERE, THE NATIVES CAN FROLIC AND ROMP WITHOUT CARE!

OR AT LEAST THEY COULD...

WHAP!

...UNTIL TODAY!
SONIC & KNUCKLES™ IN
PANIC IN THE SKY!
PART 1
SOUND THE ALARM!
IT'S A CONTINENT!
A FLOATING CONTINENT!


...THE LAND MASS WAS SIGHTED SEVERAL HOURS AGO, AS IT CROSSED OVER INTO OUR AIR SPACE!
WITNESSES CLAIMED THE SKY WAS FALLING -- THOUGH FROM WHAT I CAN TELL...
...EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE!
1:52 PM
AMAZING!
ANY IDEA WHAT'S KEEPING IT ALOFT, ROTOR?
I COULDN'T TELL YOU, PRINCESS!
BUT I DO KNOW THIS...
ACCORDING TO MY READINGS...
...IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!
BEACH
ISLAND
TAP TAP
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE
HI, GANG! DID WE MISS ANYTHING?
PLENTY!
AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE IF YOU HAD THE COMMON COURTESY TO --
HOLY--!
IT'S THE FLOATING ISLAND!

"FLOATING ISLAND"? MIND FILLING US IN, GENIUS?

WHAT DO YOU TWO KNOW THAT THE REST OF US DON'T?

PLENTY!

TAILS AND I FIRST CAME ACROSS THAT HUNK OF AIR-BORN ROCK A FEW MONTHS BACK!

WE CRASH-LANDED...

...AND RAN AFOUL OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA--GUARDIAN OF THE LOCAL CHAOS EMERALD!

THAT'S WHAT KEEPS THE ISLAND AFLOAT!

TO PUT IT MILDLY, HE TOOK AN IMMEDIATE AND PROFOUND DISLIKE TO US!

BUT-- AFTER WE'D HASHED THINGS OUT A BIT...

...WE PARTED ON FRIENDLY TERMS!*

GHAK!

*REFER TO THE NOW CLASSIC SONIC #13, "THIS ISLAND HEDGE-HOG," FOR THE FULL STORY--Scott

HMMM...

WHOSE SIDE IS THIS GUY REALLY ON?

THAT'S--HARD TO SAY, SAL! FOR AN ECHIDNA...

...HE'S ONE STRANGE DUDE!

FAR AS I COULD TELL, HE'S NEITHER *FOR* US OR *AGAINST* US...

...WHICH MAKES *SECOND-GUESSING* HIM ALL BUT *IMPOSSIBLE!*

UNTIL HIS *INTENTIONS* ARE *CLEAR*, IT'S *BEST* TO ASSUME THE *WORST!*

ANTOINE! FLY *SONIC* AND *TAILS* OUT IN THE *TURBO-PROP...*

"...AND LET'S GET A CLOSER LOOK!"

LOOK AT ZE *SIZE* OF ZAT THEENG!

TRÈS *FANTASTIQUE!*

RELAX, 'TWAN! YOU'VE SEEN *ONE* ISLAND, YOU'VE SEEN 'EM *ALL!*

FROM *HERE*, IT'S JUST ONE BIG BALL OF *DIRT...*

...AND WHERE'S THE *DANGER* IN *THAT?*

K'CHUNG!

WHRR

K'CHUKT! K'CHUKT!

NOT WAY COOL!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
PHOOM!
PHOOM!
PHOOM!
ZUT ALORS!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID ZIS ISLAND WAS UNARMED!
IT WAS...
...UNTIL NOW!
SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED!
HEAVY ARTILLERY...
...AND ENGINES!
TAKE US TOPSIDE 'TWAN! LET'S GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
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ZE GUNS, IT SEEMS, CANNOT BE AIMED ABOVE ZE HORIZON!
I WAS COUNTING ON THAT!
GET YOURSELF AND THE TURBO-PROP BACK TO BASE...
...WE'RE GOIN' IN!
GERONIMO
NEED A LIFT, SONIC?
NO THANKS, PAL...
...BEING PIGGY-BACKED IS BAD FOR MY IMAGE!
SO WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE LOOKING FOR, ANYWAY?
I'M NOT QUITE SURE, TAILS!
WE'LL KNOW WHEN WE FIND IT...
WHUMPH!
8

...OR WHEN IT FINDS US!

EVERYONE WANTS A PIECE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND...

...BUT ALL THOSE TWO ARE GONNA GET IS A PIECE OF THE ROCK!

THEY'RE BA-ACK!

I KNEW THEY WOULD BE SOONER OR LATER!

HMMM...

BROBDINGNAGIAN FUNGI.

IN LAYMAN'S TERMS...

...GIANT MUSHROOMS!

A WHOLE FOREST FULL OF 'EM!

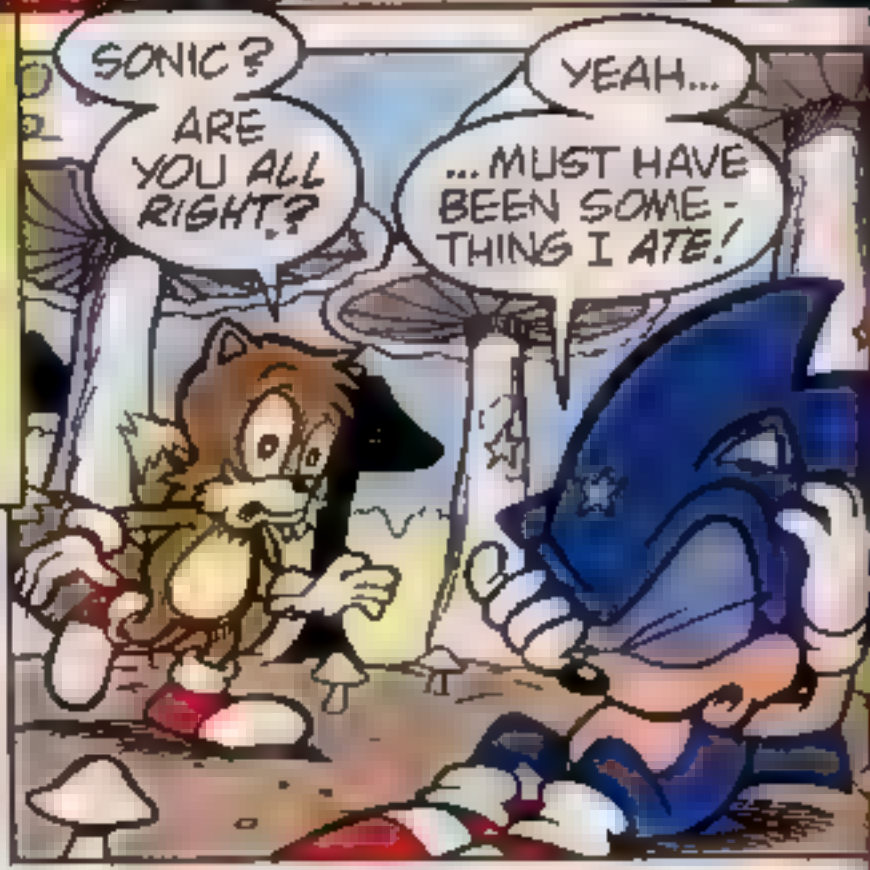
WOW!

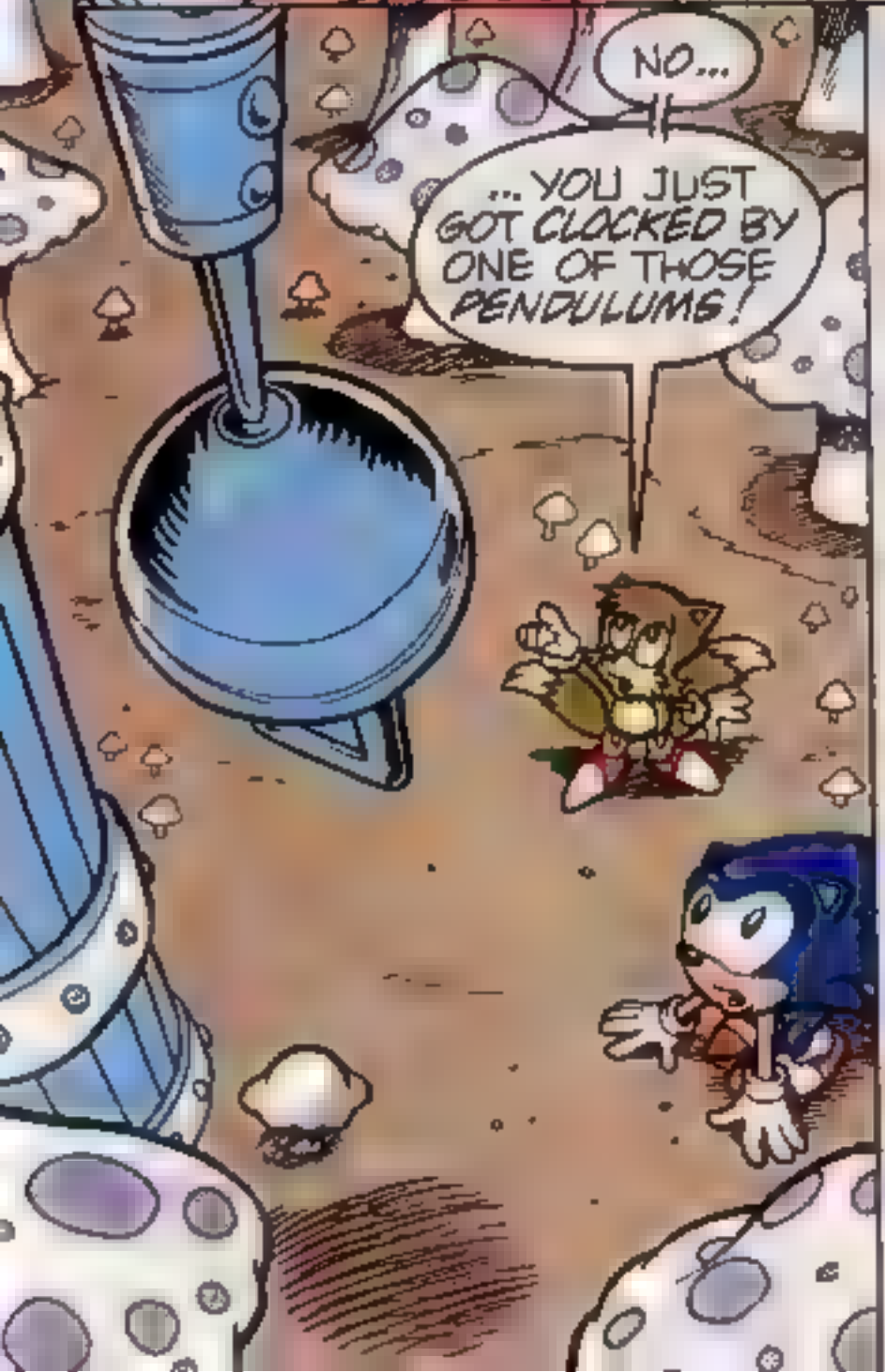
SIGH

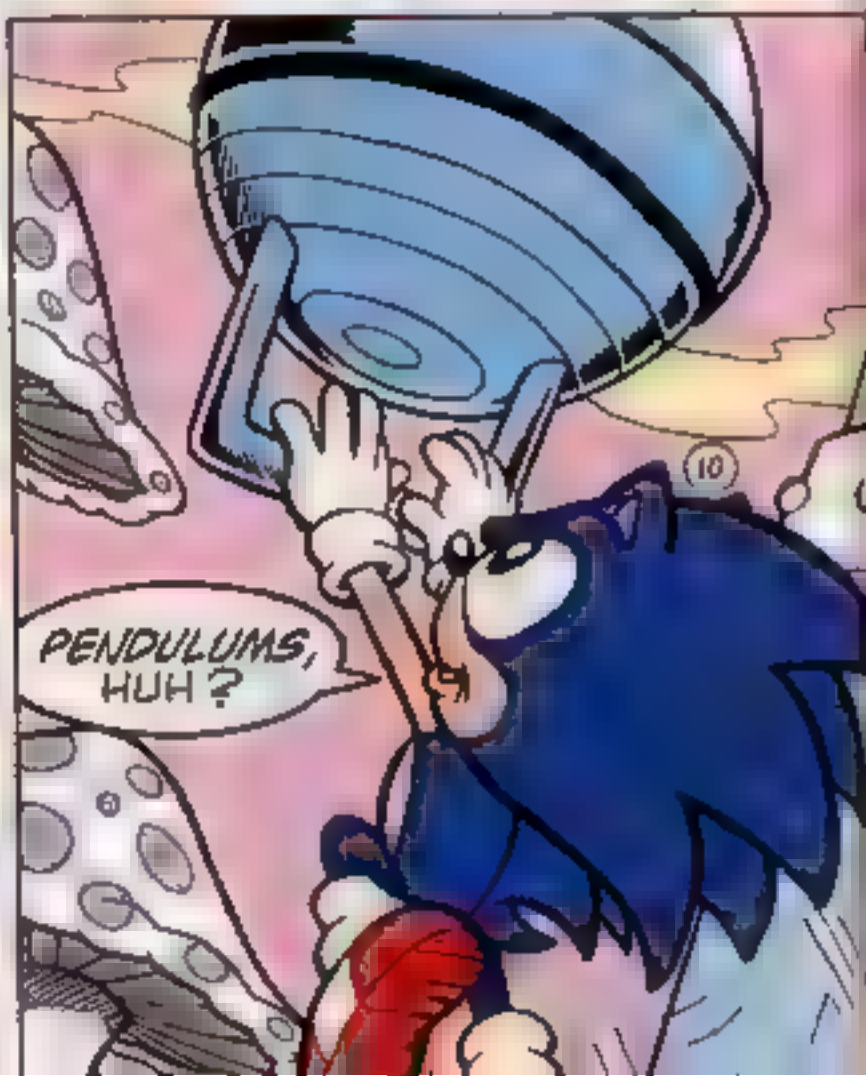
IF ONLY WE HAD A PIZZA CRUST BIG ENOUGH FOR--

KLONG!

LOOK!
A HEDGEHOG!
YUM!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HIM?
BOIL THAT DUST-SPECK!
NO! BARBECUE HIM!
YEAH...
BARBECUE!
BARBECUE!
HUH?
WHA--?







LET'S SEE IF "TIME"...
SCRAPPING!
...CAN BE MADE TO WORK IN OUR FAVOR!
THOOOMP!
HAH!
NOT TOO SHABBY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!
GOING UP!
SPROING!
SPROING!
YOWP!
TALK ABOUT CLOSE SHAVES!
SWISH!
WHO--?
OH, BROTHER!
A 'BOT WITH AN AX TO GRIND!

CAREFUL WHERE YOU SWING THAT THING, TIN MAN!

SWOOSH!

'CAUSE WHAT GOES AROUND...

...COMES AROUND!

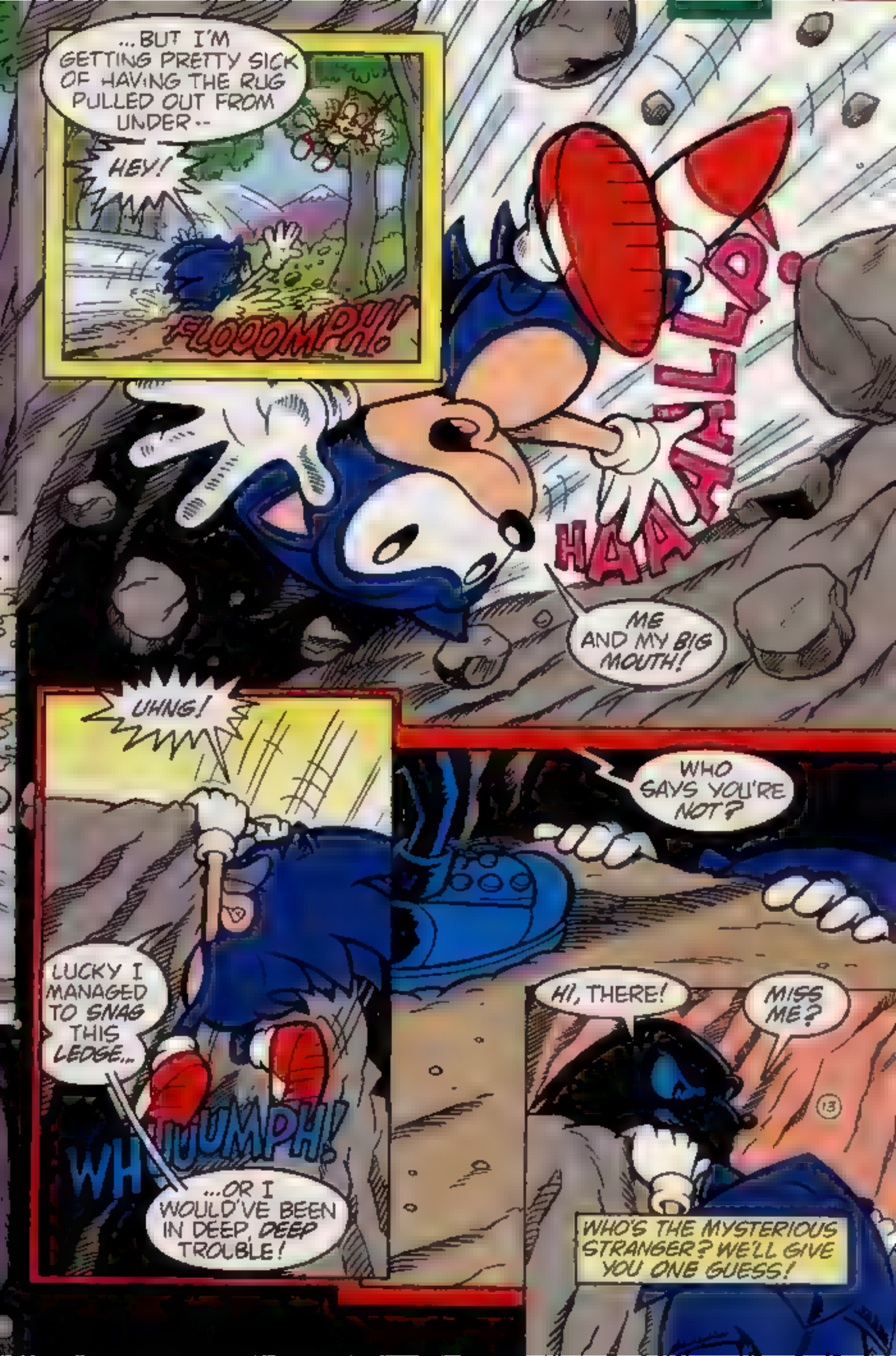
WA-THOOM!

YOU SURE PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE!

YEAH.. THE SCRAP HEAP!

HOPE THERE AREN'T ANY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, TAILS...


...BUT I'M GETTING PRETTY SICK OF HAVING THE RUG PULLED OUT FROM UNDER--
HEY!
FLOOOMPH!
HAAAAALLP!
ME AND MY BIG MOUTH!
UHNG!
LUCKY I MANAGED TO SNAG THIS LEDGE...
WHUUMPH!
...OR I WOULD'VE BEEN IN DEEP, DEEP TROUBLE!
WHO SAYS YOU'RE NOT?
HI, THERE!
MISS ME?
WHO'S THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER? WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE GUESS!
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SONIC & KNUCKLES IN PANIC IN THE SKY! PART II

KNUCKLES!

FIGURED YOU'D SHOW YOUR UGLY MUG SOONER OR LATER!

HOW'S IT GOING?!

OH, CAN'T COMPLAIN! --EXCEPT I HATE TRESPASSERS WHO TRY TO TURN MY HOME INTO A WAR ZONE...

...BUT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT!

THIS IS YOUR SECOND OFFENSE! AND... FAR AS I'M CONCERNED...

...YOU CAN TAKE THE FALL!

KER-RUUUUNCH!

HEY, MOLDILOCKS!

WHA--?

I GOT TH' DROP ON YA!

:UH-OH...:

KER-RAAAKT!

WHOOPS!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, SONIC!
OOF! WHOSE SIDE IS THE LITTLE GUY ON?
THUMP!
MINE...
UHNF!
BUMP!
...I THINK!
I WAS AIMING AT HIM!
WHUMP!
THAT'S NICE...
FSSSSSS
BURBLE! BURBLE! GLOOP! GLEEP!
THWUMP!
...'CAUSE YOU'RE GONNA NEED ALL THE HELP YOU CAN GET!
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UH--KNUCKLES? I THINK WE'RE BOTH GONNA NEED SOME HELP!

THIS BLOCK... IS REALLY ROCKIN'!

NOT TO WORRY, PEOPLE...

RRRUUMMBBLLLL

SHOOOOOM!

...'CAUSE WE ARE OUTTA HERE!

THANKS, PAL!

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ABOUT BEING "PIGGY-BACKED"?

FORGET IT!

YEAH, THANKS, PAL! I'M PRETTY GOOD AT FLYING AND GLIDING -- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD GET ENOUGH ALTITUDE!

HOWEVER, I STILL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT MY HOME FROM INTRUDERS!

AGREED! BUT WE'RE NOT THE ENEMY!

LOOK! UP IN THE SKY...

...AND YOU'LL GET THE BIG PICTURE!

IT'S FULL OF STARS...

...ALL OF THEM IN THE WRONG PLACES!

THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU!

YOUR ISLAND...

...HAS BEEN HIJACKED!

BY NOW, WE'RE OVER KNOTHOLE VILLAGE--'COURSE IT'S DARK, SO NOBODY'D NOTICE!

SOMEONE'S REFITTED THE UNDERSIDE OF YOUR ISLAND WITH ENGINES...AND GUNS!

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!

D'OH!

FOOLED AGAIN! THE FLOATING ISLAND HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A FLYING FORTRESS!

BUT WHO..?

WELL, THEY WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

FASTEN YOUR SEAT-BELTS...

FWIP!

200% CUTE

EASY ACCESS TO THE CHAOS CHAMBER

WATCH YOUR STEP!

SWOOSH!!!

...IT'S GONNA BE A BUMPY NIGHT!

WH-WHERE ARE WE?

THE CHAOS CHAMBER.. A CRYSTAL CAVERN WHERE THE FORCES OF OUR CHAOS EMERALD ARE REDIRECTED AND AMPLIFIED TO KEEP THE ISLAND AFLOAT! YOU'RE THE FIRST OUTLANDERS TO SEE IT!

HATE TO BREAK THIS TO YOU...BUT WE MAY NOT BE THE FIRST!

ENERGY SYPHONS? DRAWING POWER FROM THE EMERALD?!

THESE WEREN'T HERE BEFORE!

I WONDER WHERE THEY-

ZZURRCH!

GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN!

I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!

ROBOTNIK!

I ALWAYS WANTED SOMEONE TO BRING ME YOUR HEAD... BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

SPILL IT, 'BOT-BREATH!

WHY'D YOU TURN THIS ISLAND INTO AN A R SPACE BATTLESHIP?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

NO--OF COURSE NOT...

"...FOR ONLY I HAVE THE VISION TO RECOGNIZE THE FLOATING ISLAND'S VAST UNTAPPED STRATEGIC MILITARY POTENTIAL!"

"SINCE DISCOVERING ITS EXISTENCE, LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF HOURS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO OPERATION: FLYING DESTROYER!

"PHASE ONE INVOLVED ATTACHING A MOBILE COMMAND BASE TO THE ISLAND'S FOUNDATION...

THWOCK!

"...AND UNLEASHING A SERIES OF PARADROIDS--COMPLEX, AUTOMATED MECHANISMS DESIGNED TO REFASHION ITS SHAPE FROM TROPICAL PARADISE...

WHIRR KLAKETA-KLAKETA-KLAKETA-

K-CHUNG!

"...TO ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION!"

RECESSED SHOCK CANNONS

ME

YOU

ENERGY SYPHONS

CHAOS EMERALD

RETRO-FITTED ENGINES

MODULAR COMMAND CENTER

CHAOS CHAMBER

"AND SPEAKING OF 'ENGINES'...

"USING POWER FROM THE CHAOS EMERALD TO FUEL THEM...

"...I BEGAN TO MOVE MY FRESHLY-ARMED WEAPON OF WAR DUE EAST...

"...TOWARD KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!"

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE

PROJECTED TRAJECTORY

FLOATING ISLAND

"IN MERE MOMENTS-- ONCE THE ISLAND IS DIRECTLY OVERHEAD-- THE SHOCK-CANNONS MOUNTED ALONG ITS UNDERSIDE SHALL FIRE!

"AND THEN...

K-CHUNG!

WURRR

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

FWA-VOOOOOM!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

I OWE YOU A DEBT, ECHIDNA! IF YOU HADN'T KEPT THESE TWO OCCUPIED, THEY MIGHT HAVE ARRIVED IN TIME TO SAVE THE DAY--AS ALWAYS!
BUT, WITH THE ISLAND ALREADY IN POSITION...
...THERE'S NOTHING THEY OR ANYONE ELSE CAN DO TO STOP ME!
HE'S RIGHT! I MESSED UP! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
AS THE ISLAND'S GUARDIAN, I CAN'T ALLOW IT TO BE USED THIS WAY...
...REGARDLESS OF THE PERSONAL COST!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, CHUMP! WHEN IT COMES TO WAR MACHINES, YOU MAY MAKE 'EM...
...BUT I CAN BREAK 'EM!
SKA-RAAAASH!
N-N-N-NOW WHAT?
IT'S SIMPLE, SIMON!
WITHOUT THE CHAOS EMERALD TO KEEP US ALOFT...
RRR
BBLLL

"...WE'RE HEADIN' FOR A FALL!"
BUCKET HEAD! I REAL ZE THAT!
WE-WILL-BREAK-UP-IN--
MASTER-WE-ARE-FALLING!
NO!-- WE'RE BREAKING OFF!
KLIKT!
THE FOOL!
HE FORGOT THEY WERE EIGHT MILES HIGH!
NOW KNOTHOLE VILLAGE WILL BE DESTROYED...
...WITHOUT ME HAVING TO FIRE A SINGLE SHOT!
HA HA HA HA
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IS HE GONE?
OH, HE'S GONE ALL RIGHT!
REAL GONE!
GOOD!
HUH? ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD?
HOW...?
POP
DIDN'T YOUR MAMA EVER TELL YA, BLUE-BOY?
ALWAYS CARRY A SPARE...
SKA-REEEEEEEEEEEE
"...AND DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!"
WHEW!

LATER...
MAYBE NEXT TIME, I'LL LOOK BEFORE LEAPING TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION!
HEY! IT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE-- AND YOU CAME THROUGH IN THE END!
LUCKY FOR US YOU HAD THAT SPARE CHAOS EMERALD, KNUCKLES!
AND'S END
WHAT SPARE? THAT WAS THE REAL ONE I PUT BACK!
REMOVING IT CAUSED THE ISLAND TO FALL--
--BUT I SMASHED THE FAKE!
I DIDN'T SEE YOU MAKE THE SWITCH!
NEITHER DID ROBOTNIK!
SAY, WHY DON'T YOU PARK YOUR ISLAND HERE AND JOIN US?
NO WAY! I'VE GOT MY OWN PROBLEMS-AND RESPONSIBILITIES!
SUIT YOURSELF...
... BUT DON'T BE A STRANGER!

SONIC! TAILS! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
WHERE'S KNUCKLES?
YOU JUST MISSED HIM, PRINCESS!
HE AND THE FLOATING ISLAND ARE SHIPPING OUT FOR PARTS UNKNOWN!
AND ONCE HE GETS WHERE HE'S GOING, HE'S GOING TO GET RID OF ROBOTNIK'S SNAP-ON ACCESSORIES!
TOO BAD.
WELL, THAT'S ONE LESS WEAPON OF WAR WE'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!
BUT WHAT OF KNUCKLES?
THINK HE'LL EVER JOIN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS?
I DOUBT IT, SAL!
I THINK NOW AND FOREVER...
...HE'S ON HIS OWN!
THE END

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS

KNUCKLES™

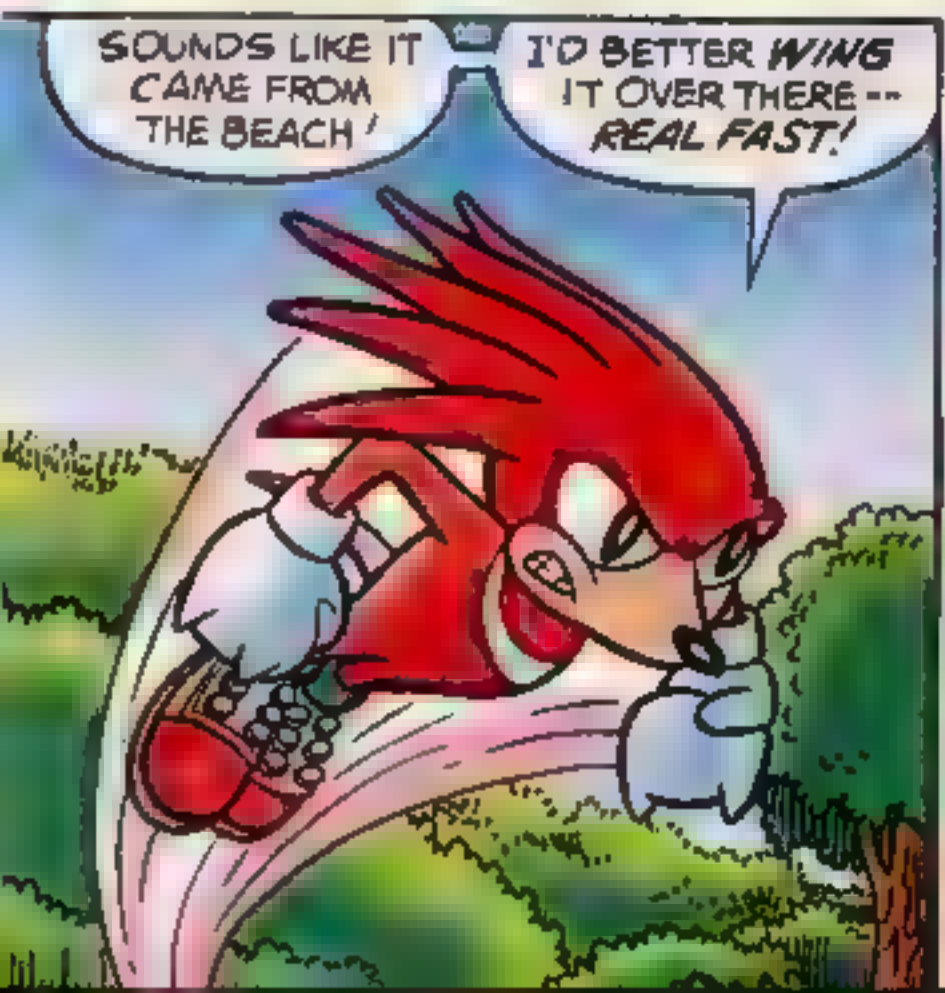
IN

FIRE DRILL

A QUIET DAY ON THE *FLOATING ISLAND*...

KA-THOOOM!

WHAT WAS *THAT*?! SOME *DUDE* STARTING TROUBLE ON *MY* TURF?



WHOEVER IT WAS MUST'VE TOOK OFF OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND--

--HOPING THEY WOULDN'T BE SPOTTED BY THE TOP DOG!

...OR I SHOULD SAY-- TOP ECHIDNA!

WELL, IF THIS GUY THINKS HE'S A GENIUS--

--HE BETTER GO BACK TO PRESCHOOL!

WHAT A DUMMY!

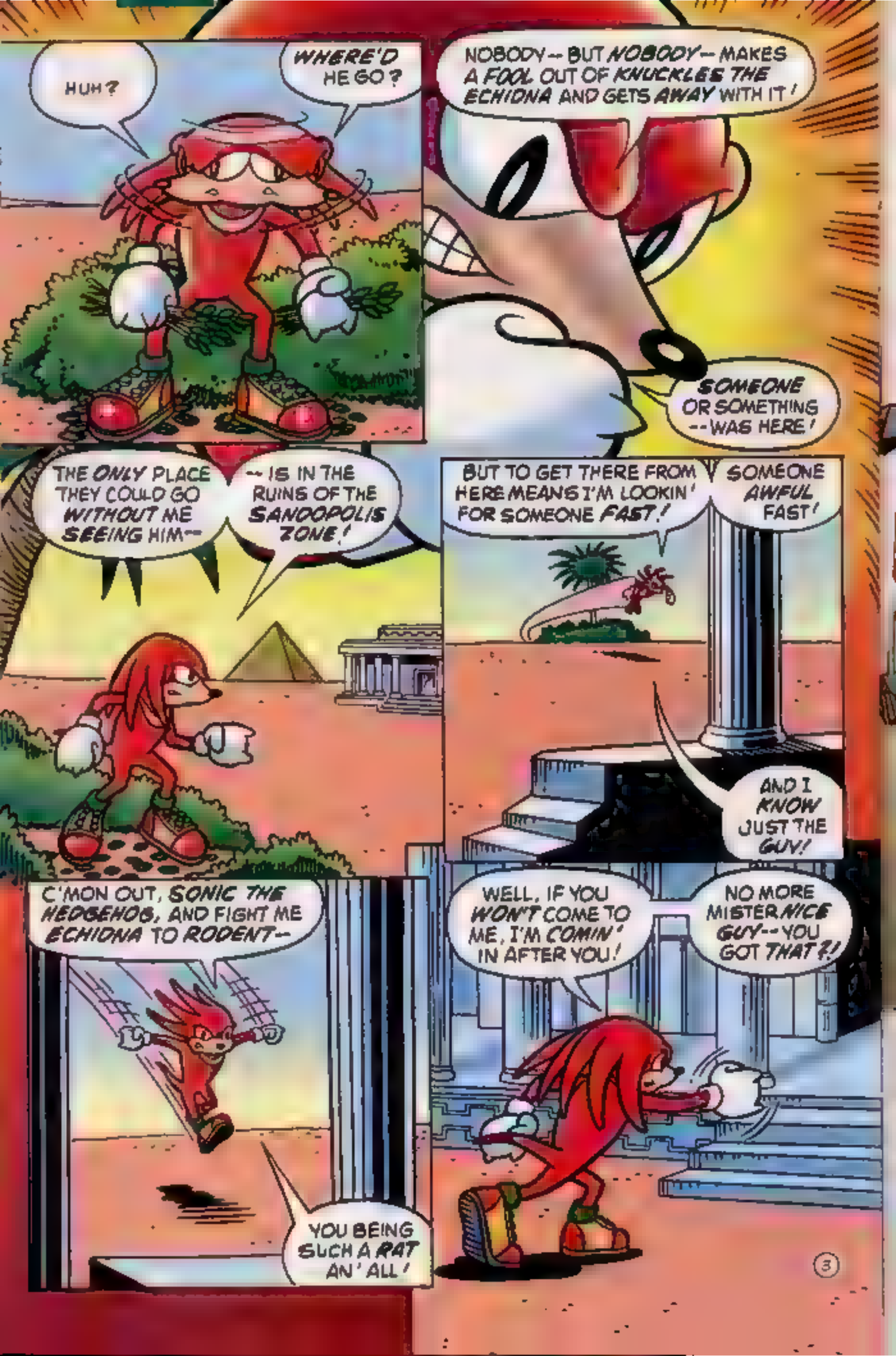
GOES AN' LEAVES HIS FOOTPRINTS ALL OVER THE PLACE!

I COULD FOLLOW 'IM IN MY SLEEP!

A BLIND PERSON COULD SEE THEY LEAD RIGHT TO--

THERE!

GOTCHA!!


HUH?
WHERE'D HE GO?
NOBODY -- BUT NOBODY -- MAKES A FOOL OUT OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!
SOMEONE OR SOMETHING -- WAS HERE!
THE ONLY PLACE THEY COULD GO WITHOUT ME SEEING HIM--
-- IS IN THE RUINS OF THE SANDOPOLIS ZONE!
BUT TO GET THERE FROM HERE MEANS I'M LOOKIN' FOR SOMEONE FAST!
SOMEONE AWFUL FAST!
AND I KNOW JUST THE GUY!
C'MON OUT, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AND FIGHT ME ECHIDNA TO RODENT--
WELL, IF YOU WON'T COME TO ME, I'M COMIN' IN AFTER YOU!
NO MORE MISTER NICE GUY -- YOU GOT THAT?!
YOU BEING SUCH A RAT AN' ALL!

AND I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY FOR DRAGGIN' ME INTO THE DARK!

OOOO, HOW I HATE THE DARK!

SNAKT!

HUH?

KER-KAAAA-SH!

AWWW!

THAT'S IT! THAT'S IT!!!

SO YOU WANNA PLAY HIDE 'N' SEEK, EH?

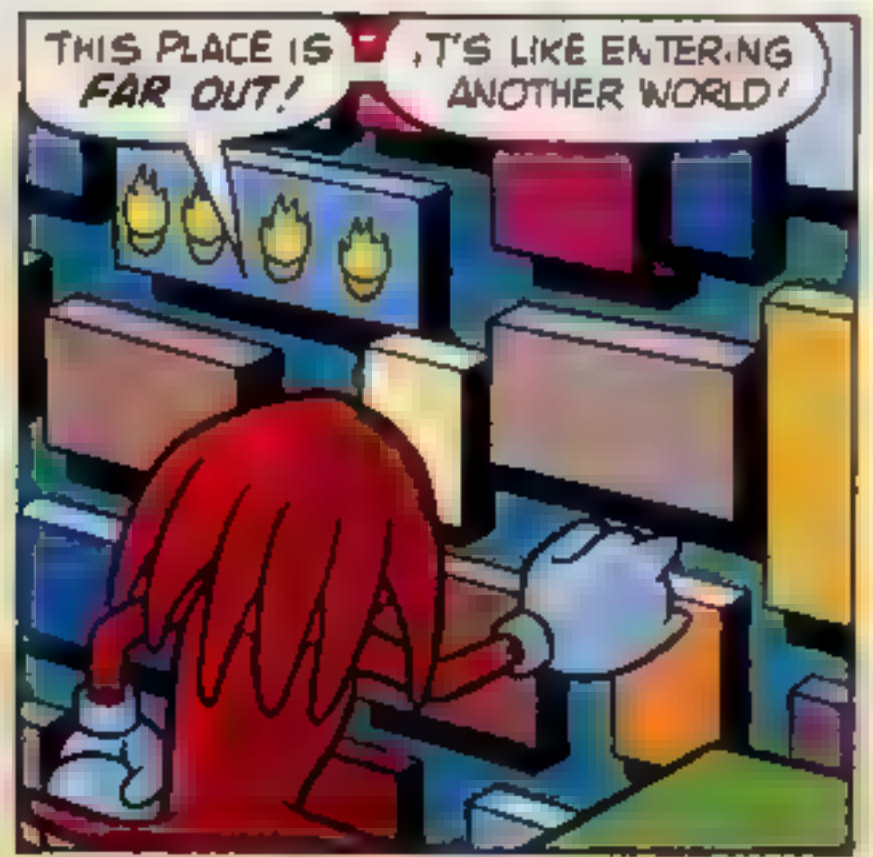
I GOT A BETTER GAME--

I CALL IT "A FISTFUL OF KNUCKLES"!

SO IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU--

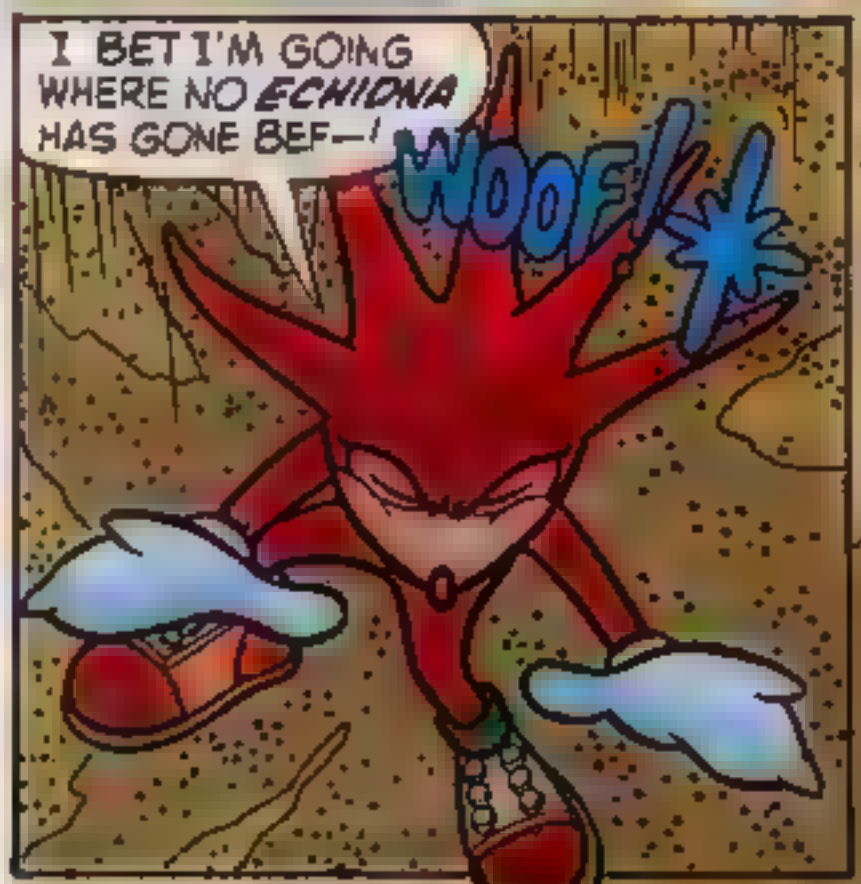
--YOU'LL DO THIS EASY OR I'LL REALLY BRING THE HOUSE DOWN ON YOU!
YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM ME FOR LONG!
DON'T YOU KNOW--
--I'M THE GUARDIAN OF THIS ISLAND?!
YOU CAN'T MESS AROUND WHILE I'M ON WATCH!
YEOOWW!
WHERE D THAT COME FROM?!
SOMETHIN' FUNNY'S GOIN' ON HERE!!
WELL, ISN'T THIS SPECIAL!
THE WALL REVEALS IT'S A DOOR!
5
THE PROBLEM IS--
HOW COME I'M NOT LAUGHIN'?
THUD!
SINCE THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE COULD'VE GOTTEN PAST ME--

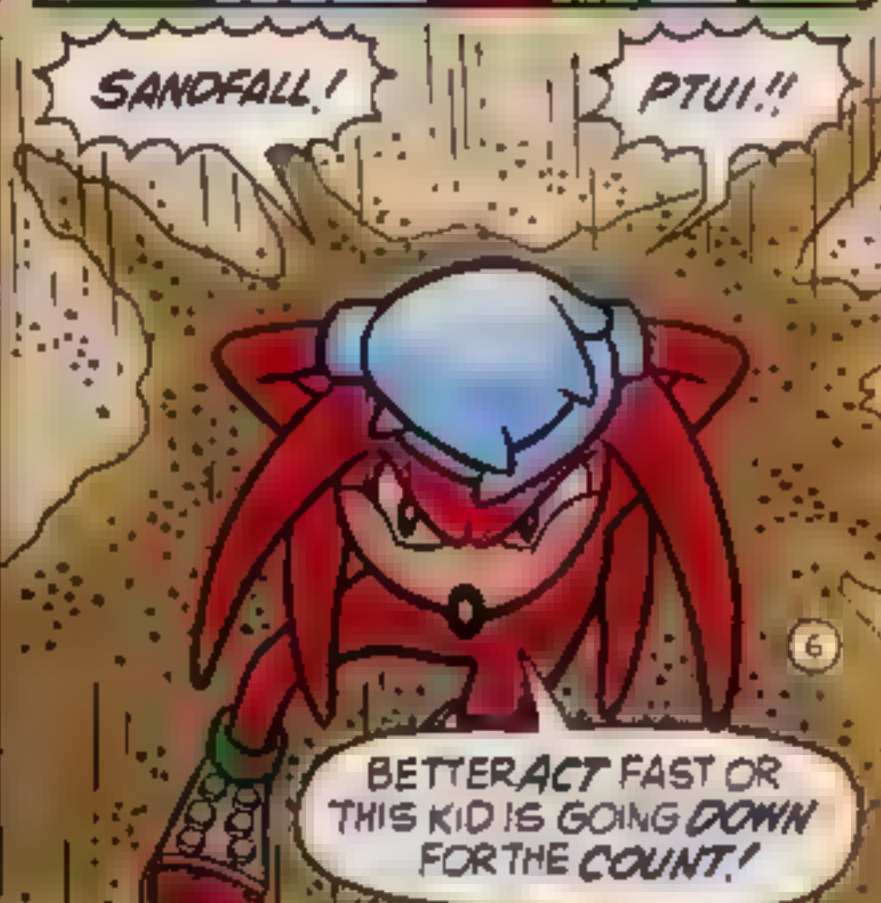
--IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS MY BEST OPTION!
I JUST WISH FATHER HAD TAUGHT ME MORE ABOUT THIS PLACE!


THIS PLACE IS FAR OUT!
IT'S LIKE ENTERING ANOTHER WORLD!

FOR ONCE, I'M STUMPED!
NO ONE'S EVER GOTTEN THIS FAR BEFORE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

I MAY KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ISLAND THAN ANYONE ELSE--
--BUT I GUESS DAD FORGOT TO FILL ME IN ON THIS SECRET PLACE!


I BET I'M GOING WHERE NO ECHIDNA HAS GONE BEF--!
WOOF!


SANDFALL!
PTUI!!
BETTER ACT FAST OR THIS KID IS GOING DOWN FOR THE COUNT!

I'M FLYIN' BLIND-- BUT IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!

I DID IT!

DIDN'T GET ME FAR THOUGH!

ANOTHER WALL!

THE KNUCKLES EXPRESS IS COMIN' RIGHT THROUGH!

AND STILL NO VILLAIN IN SIGHT!

MAYBE HE DIDN'T ESCAPE FROM THE SANDFALLS AFTER ALL!

KER-BAM!

WRONG, FRIEND!

SOMEHOW, HE GOT OUT!

THE CHASE IS ON!

ONLY NOW--

IT'S PERSONAL!

I'M GOING TO GET YOU!

I STILL THINK IT'S THAT CREEP SONIC!

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE ELSE THIS FAST OR LUCKY!

IT'S GOT TO BE SONIC MESSING AROUND!

THE TRAIL LEADS TO THE ISLAND'S EDGE!

--EXCEPT FOR YOURS TRULY!

NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, BUT DOWN!

GOOD RIDDANCE!

JUST WAIT'LL NEXT TIME, MISTER HEDGEHOG--

--I'LL BE THE ONE WITH THE SURPRISES!

NOT QUITE, MY BOY...

THIS WAS ONLY YOUR FIRST LESSON AND I CAN SEE ALREADY YOU HAVE A LOT TO LEARN!

CLASS IS NOW IN SESSION...

THIS ISN'T THE END, DEAR READER! BOTH YOU AND KNUCKLES HAVE PLENTY OF SURPRISES IN STORE AT THE HANDS OF OUR MYSTERIOUS FRIEND! FIND OUT MORE IN UPCOMING ISSUES!

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS

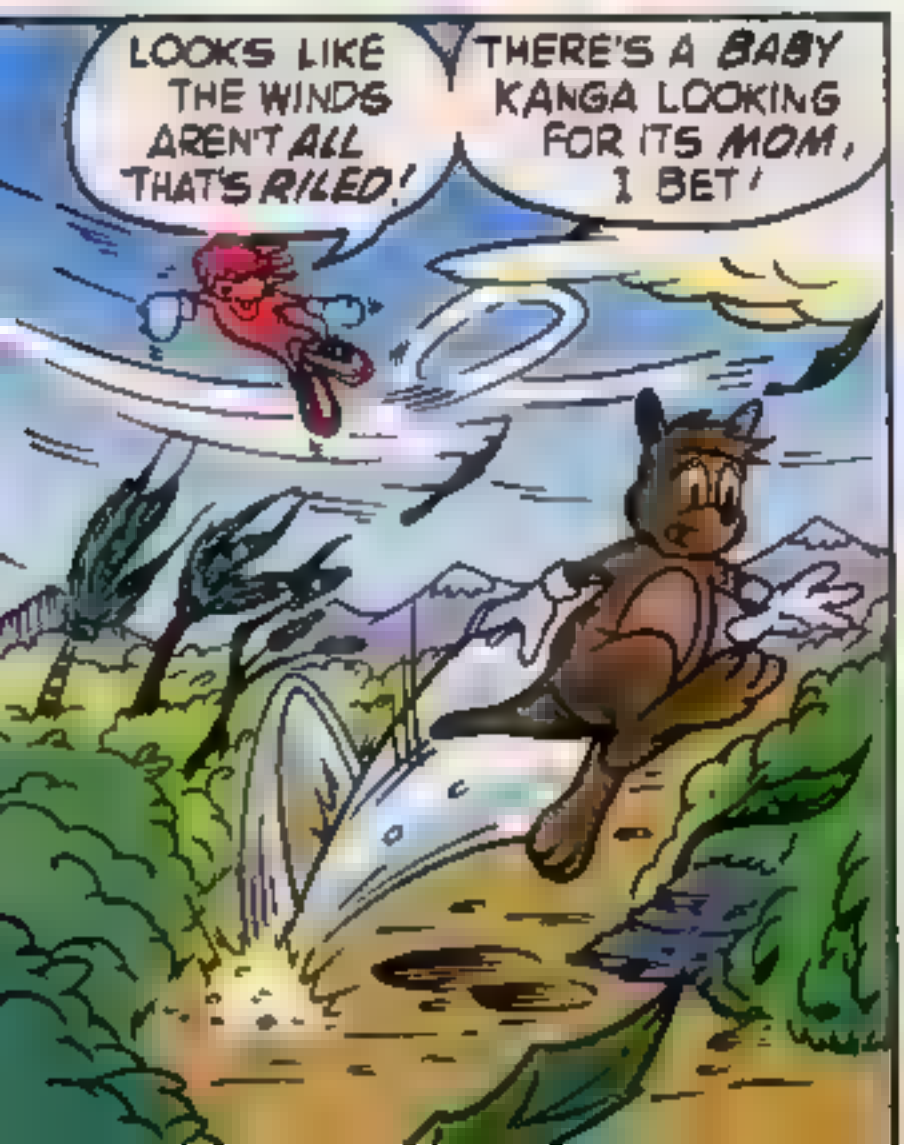
KNUCKLES™

IN

FLOCK OF THE FLOATING ISLAND

THE *WINDS* ARE REALLY *HOWLING* TODAY!

ALL OF A SUDDEN, I'M FLYING THE *NOT-SO-FRIENDLY* SKIES!



I WANT MY MOMMA!
EASY, KID! I WON'T LET YOU GET HURT!
I CAN'T FLY IN THESE WINDS WITH YOU WIGGLING AROUND!
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LAND!
OKAY!
THAT'S BETTER! I GUESS THE ONCOMING STORM IS STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT!
IS THAT WHY IT'S DARKER?
I GUESS! IT'S NEVER BEEN THIS DARK THIS TIME OF DAY!
BY THE WAY, THE NAME'S KNUCKLES!
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
YOU DO?
YES! MOMMY TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU!
SHE SAID THAT YOU WATCHED OVER EVERYONE ON THE ISLAND!
WELL, THAT'S PART OF WHAT I DO!
SO, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BRING BACK THE SKY, TOO?
THE WHA--?
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SEE? LOOK AT THE *SUN*! IT'S NOW *BLACK*!

NO, IT'S *NOT*! IT'S JUST AN *ILLUSION*--

--AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT MY *DAD* TOLD ME!

HE SAID, EVERY SO OFTEN, THE *MOON* ALIGNS ITSELF *BETWEEN* US AND THE *SUN*!

SINCE THE ISLAND *FLOATS* ALONG *AIR CURRENTS*, THE WIND RARELY BLOWS STRONGER THAN A *MILD BREEZE*!

BUT LATELY, THINGS HAVE BEEN *CHANGING*!

REALLY?

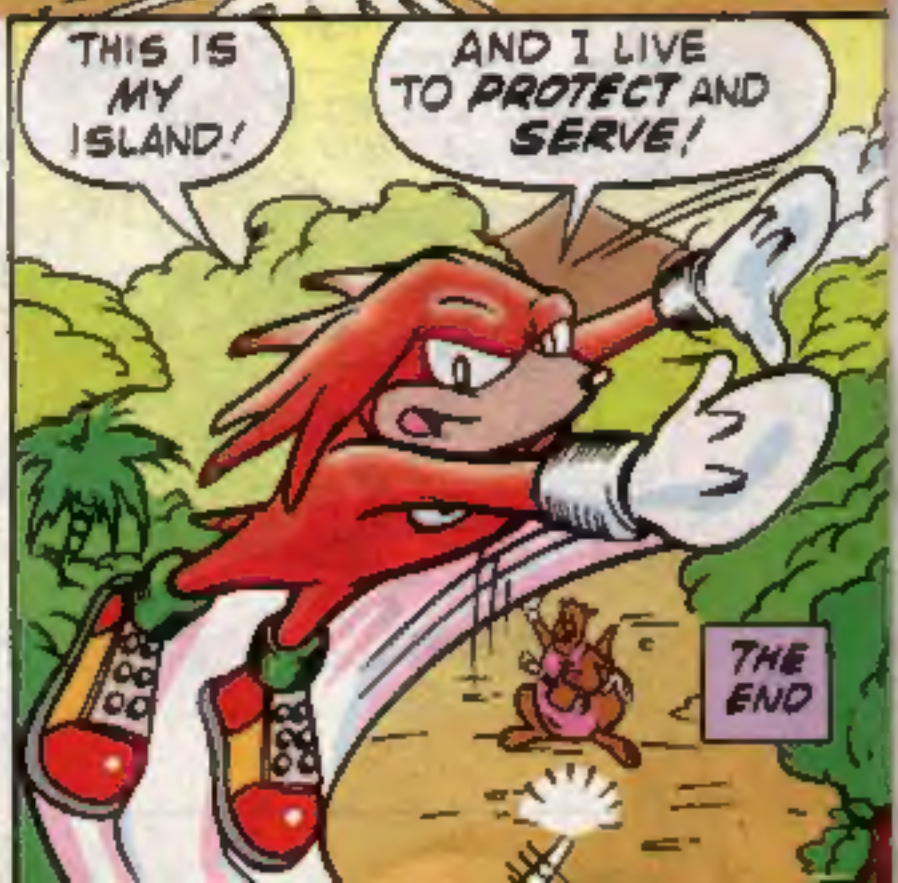
YEAH! IN FACT-- *HOLD IT*! THAT *SOUND*!

THUD! THUD! THUD!

LET'S GET TO *SAFETY*! IT'S A *THUNDERING* HERD OF *DINGOES*!

AREN'T THEY FRIENDLY?
USUALLY, BUT THE WEATHER'S UPSETTING THEM!
AND THERE THEY GO!
GO WHERE?
WHEREVER! BUT THEY CAN ONLY GO SO FAR ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!
DO YOU THINK MY MOMMA'S OKAY?
OH SURE! THERE HASN'T BEEN ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT ON THE FLOATING ISLAND FOR A LONG TIME!
IT'S A PARADISE THAT WE CALL HOME!
HOWEVER, WE SEEM TO KEEP GETTING VISITORS WHO'D LIKE TO CHANGE THAT!
THE WIND'S STRONGER! I'M SCARED!
HANG ON TO ME!

AND I THINK SOMEBODY JUST FOUND US!

MOMMA! MOMMA!

OH, BENJY! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!